

Library Board Minutes

February 26, 2019

Present: Susan Sawyer (President), Sue Mitchell (Trustee), Mary Laedlein (Trustee), Ken Gottry (Trustee), Christina Becker (Library Director)

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 PM

SM moved to accept January's minutes and KG seconded.

There was no Treasurer's Report for February.

Old Business: The Library Board reviewed the amended Meeting Room Policy. ML made motion to officially adopt new policy and SM seconded. All were in favor.

It was decided to wait until more Board members could be present before the continued review of library policies and procedures.

After lengthy discussion and consideration regarding raise in minimum wage and employee salaries the Board decided to increase the Library Director salary effective the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year to no less than \$30,000 per year. A motion was made by KG and seconded by SM. All were in favor.

The change in salaries and increase in retirement contribution brings the overall library budget for 2019-2020 to \$106,406. Motion to accept budget was made by ML and seconded by SM. All were in favor. CB will submit the budget to Village Treasurer on 2/27/2019

New Business:

Christina completed the Annual Report for New York State and submitted on 2/14/2019. Using data from the report Christina created an infographic highlighting patron, circulation, computer, and programming statistics to share with the public.

Christina shared the 2019 Annual Newsletter which will be sent to the community in the Free Press before the May 2019 budget vote. Rather than put inserts in The Eagle this year, Christina will type a press release to be run a week or two before the vote.

The library's petition to place our appropriation on the School District ballot was submitted to the school's business office.

Oaths of Office were distributed and signed by all present Board Members.

Mark Thaler expects to be finished with the library building feasibility study in the next week. He will email the final copies to Christina to be shared with the Board. If the Board has any questions or concerns he is willing to meet with us in a few weeks.

Christina is proposing to host a Summer Reading weekend rather than 3 Wednesday evening programs. The theme would follow the overall Summer Reading theme of "Space". Christina is in contact with Star Wars cosplay volunteers, Dudley Observatory, StarLab, and a local facepainter to set up multiple services and programs throughout the day. Christina has confirmed a salon artist to set up a booth to do kids' hair throughout the day and will be reaching out to Hubbard Hall and the Youth Center about possible film viewings.

Howard Romack is set to do a presentation on Tropical Forests on March 2nd.

Lego Club is March 2nd.

Caregiver Support Group meets on March 4th.

There will be 4 Lights On Learning Sundays in March.

Betsy Brander has set up an animal program with Whitman's Feed Store on March 28th. This will hopefully be a new on-going program at the library which will present interesting animals, how to care for them, where they originate from etc.

The library was awarded 2 grants from LARAC in collaboration with Cambridge Valley Farmers Market that will assist in continuing live music at the market and the establishment of a Maker's Tent that will highlight the connection between art and agriculture. The Maker's Tent will be open to community members, groups, and organizations. Applications will be available at the library and Christina, Gina Diebel, and Deb Jaffe will be responsible for review and approval of applications.

Christina will be putting out a call for library volunteers in the next month or two before the Spring/Summer programming begins.

The next meeting is set for March 19th at 4:15 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM